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**AN ADDRESS**

OF THE

**BOARD OF MANAGERS**

OF THE

**WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**SOCIETY,**

WITH A STATEMENT OF THE

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.**

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SIR:

*In compliance with the order of the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society, I enclose you a copy of an Address to the American People, with a precise statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Society, which you are requested to diffuse as widely as may be without incurring expense.*

*I am, respectfully,*

*Treasurer.*



## TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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THE Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society, in laying before you a statement of their proceedings, consider it proper to introduce it with a few explanatory remarks.

WASHINGTON, our illustrious benefactor, died in the year 1799, full of that glory which rendered him "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Prompted by the feelings of gratitude which warmed every heart, a universal desire was manifested to record them by some memorial of enduring magnitude and grandeur. Various schemes, to this end, were, consequently, from time to time devised, some of which originated in the Councils of the Nation, some in those of the States, and some in associations of Individuals. All of these, with slight exceptions, failed; not, it was thought, from a decay

of the feelings which gave them birth, so much as from the unsuitableness of the plans themselves, or from the inadequate measures taken for accomplishing them.

Under these circumstances an association of citizens of Washington was formed for this exclusive purpose in the year 1835. Its object was to erect a Monument at the seat of Government, which should, by its colossal magnitude, great strength, and imposing grandeur, exhibit to the remotest ages the gratitude of a nation of freemen to the man whose exalted good sense and pure virtues had so pre-eminently contributed to their happiness. And that the moral foundations of this structure should be broad and deep, it was made a fundamental principle that every man, woman, or child, should enjoy the privilege of contributing one dollar, and no more ; thus placing all in this respect on an equal footing.

To carry this object into effect a Board of Managers, a list of whom is annexed, was elected, for whose fidelity their names, it is presumed, are a sufficient pledge.

Measures were forthwith adopted by them with the greatest precaution. It was determined to appoint an agent for collecting subscriptions in each State and Territory ; and to insure, as far as practicable, the services of the best fitted

persons, applications were publicly invited, and the appointments generally made on the attestation of several members of the two Houses of Congress of the State in which the applicant resided; and bonds, with sureties, were in all cases given for the faithful execution of their trusts, whose sufficiency was generally attested in the like manner. Simultaneous instructions were given, requiring the regular rendition of accounts at short intervals, and the deposit of the moneys collected by them in safe banks to the credit of the Treasurer. For these services a commission, in most instances of ten per centum, since augmented to fifteen per centum, was allowed. Agents were accordingly appointed for nearly all the States and Territories, during 1835, and the ensuing year. They were strongly recommended as men of respectability, and, with few exceptions, have approved themselves as such.

The annexed statement of the sums received and accounted for by them, shews the measure of their success. This, though various, has, in no instance, equalled the least sanguine expectations. This may be ascribed in some degree to the fundamental feature of the plan itself, which, in limiting the individual subscriptions to one dollar, has been found, excepting in towns, to have involved an expense to the agent, nearly, if not quite, equal to the amounts collected; while in the larger towns the abortion heretofore of schemes

for a like purpose has produced a general impression that this plan would share the same fate. Other causes, some of a temporary, others of a permanent nature, co-operated in leading to this result, of which, perhaps, the most powerful was the general derangement of the currency, and the real or apprehended evils that followed in its train, with the impression that it was the duty of the General Government, out of the vast resources at its command, to effect the object.

In reviewing the course of measures pursued, the Board of Managers have satisfaction in perceiving no neglect or omission on their part in discharging the duties assigned them. If an assiduity proportioned to the dignity of the object, a devotion seeking no reward but in the gratification of honest feelings, and an economy attested by the small expenditures for contingent purposes, are the truest evidences of fidelity, they trust that they may, without unworthy imputations, lay claim to this humble virtue.

It may be usefully added, that the entire amount collected, with the exception of the small balance recently received, has been invested in the safest stocks in the country, and placed in trust, in the names of Samuel H. Smith, Nathan Towson, and Thomas Munroe, or the survivors, or survivor, so as to be free from risk, and subject, with the ac-

cruing interest, at any moment, to the accomplishment of the contemplated object.

Upon the whole, however great the disappointment of the Board of Managers, they have not abandoned the hope that a plan, which, at its inception, was hailed with universal approbation, may yet, with proper modifications, be effected.

By order of the Board,

*December 10, 1838.*

W. CRANCH, *1st V. P.*

GEO. WATTERSTON, *Sec'y.*

## ACCOUNTS OF THE COLLECTORS.

FOR	COLLECTOR.	AMOUNT COLLECTED.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.	REMARKS.
Massachusetts.....	Charles Warren.....	.....	.....	No collections yet made.
Rhode Island.....	Abram B. Lindsley....	\$ 145 50	\$ 123 68 } * 4 96 }	* Interest on note.—This account is finally settled.
New-Hampshire.....	Paul Stevens.....	116 50	4 59	A note, well secured, for ninety dollars, which with five dollars counterfeit bank note, received by him, will settle the account.
Maine.....	Ditto.....	1,895 89	1,608 97 } * 18 40 }	This account is finally settled.
Vermont.....	George S. Noyes.....	35 50	31 95	* Interest on note.
Connecticut.....	Scovil Hinman.....	1,740 36	1,438 61	This account is finally settled.
				Balance due of \$ 40 71, after allowing commission.—
				This balance has been paid since statement was made out.
New-York.....	Ebenezer Burrill.....	1,892 12	1,167 21	Balance due of \$ 441 10, after allowing commission.—
				Books of subscription not received.
New-Jersey.....	H. F. Condict.....	1,656 92	1,419 61	Received \$ 20 50 in counterfeits.—This account, after allowing commission, is finally settled.
Pennsylvania.....	Alexander Ray.....	2,897 19	2,294 24	Balance due \$ 168 39. Mr. Ray has a pending suit against a deputy, for \$ 212 42, whose proceeds he proposes to apply to discharge this balance.
				Dead.—No accounts rendered.
Delaware.....	Nathaniel Mitchell....	.....	122 40	Account, after allowing commission, settled, subject to examination of books of subscription, deposited in Wilm. & B. Bank.
Ditto.....	Simon Kollock.....	269 53	239 58	Dead.—No accounts rendered.
				Accounts not fully rendered.
Maryland.....	Jno. W. Lansdale.....	.....	3,057 99	Accounts settled to November 27, 1838, and fully paid.
Virginia.....	Wilson Allen.....	.....	1,500 00	Some of the books of subscription not received.
North Carolina.....	Israel G. Lash.....	515 18	438 00	

South Carolina.....	Joseph Nourse.....	720 00	612 00 } * 7 00 }	Account, after allowing commission, finally settled.— * Interest on notes.
Kentucky .....	John Addison.....	2,071 50	1,610 00	Balance of \$ 150 78, due, after deducting commission. In suit.
Ohio.....	Charles McLean.....	8,335 41	5,952 24 } * 438 95 }	Balance due of \$ 1132 86, after deducting commission, for which suit is brought.
Tennessee.....	Andrew Fay.....	.....	.....	* Received, but books of subscription not yet received.
Louisiana.....	Geo. W. Watterston. }	.....	701 25	No receipts or accounts rendered.
Ditto.....	Uriah F. Hyde..... }	.....	.....	Accounts but partially rendered, shewing a collection of \$ 561.—Hyde dead.
Ditto.....	William Draine.....	1,156 25	.....	Has deposited various uncurrent notes, to the amount of \$ 900, in Improvement & Banking Co, N. Orleans.
Indiana.....	Charles J. Hand.....	.....	340 00	No accounts rendered.
Illinois.....	Wm. H. Coyle.....	.....	700 00	No regular accounts rendered.—He acknowledges the receipt of \$ 1599, a part of which he has applied to expenses, and deposited the balance in the hands of individuals, for want of banks, subject to his order.
Missouri.....	Jno. Brackenridge.....	.....	.....	Has not rendered any accounts, or made any payment; acknowledges receipt of sums not exceeding \$ 1000. Surety sued.
Alabama.....	James M. McRae.....	.....	.....	No account rendered.
Mississippi.....	James Hagan.....	.....	2,120 00	Balance due, after deducting commission, \$ 8 68. Says about \$ 450 remain to be collected from subscribers.—
District of Columbia.....	George Watterston....	1,057 28	890 02	Since statement was made out, ten dollars have been received.
Ditto.....	S. H. Smith, <i>Treas'r</i> ...	38 00	38 00	Dead.—No accounts rendered.—Says books in the hands of Lieut. Goldsborough, and that he has made full pay- ment, after deducting commission.
Florida.....	J. L. Woot.....	.....	227 00	
Officers and Soldiers	of Army U. States.....	582 39	582 39	
Officers and Seamen	of Navy U. States.....	228 25	228 25	
			\$27,917 29	

Some of the Collectors charge for the expenses incurred by them, in addition to their commission, but these have been invariably disallowed by the Board.

The entire receipts and expenditures by the Treasurer, to the 10th December, 1838, are as follows:—

*Receipts.*

From the Collectors, on account of subscriptions, . . .	\$27,917 29
Interest on Stocks, . . . . .	2,862 55
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	\$30,779 84

*Expenditures.*

For \$20,000 00 Five per cents of Pennsylvania, . . . . .	\$20,413 91	
8,900 00 Six per cents W. City Corpo'n, . . . . .	8,545 00	
672 95 Five do. do. } with \$89 37 ac- crued interest, }	627 73	
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\$29,572 95	\$29,586 64	
Exchange on uncurrent bank notes, and deposits in remote banks, . . . . .	173 12	
Contingent expenses, including postage, stationery, &c.: incurred by Treasurer, . . . . .	30 95	
Secretary, . . . . .	238 02	
Sundry other contingent expenses, for printing, adv'ts, fuel, &c. . . . .	76 33	
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Balance remaining unexpended, . . . . .		\$ 674 78
Of which there is deposited in the Bank of Washington, in the name of the Society, . . . . .	587 86	
Uncurrent and counterfeit notes, &c. in the hands of the Treasurer, . . . . .	86 92	
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SAMUEL H. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

*December 10, 1838.*

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